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Senate Bill 661

BY SENATORS MILLER AND LAIRD

[Introduced February 20, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §15-9A-4, relating to funding of civil legal services for low-income persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §15-9A-4, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 9A. DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

§15-9A-4. Fund for civil legal services for low income persons.

3 There is established in the State Treasury a special revenue account, designated as the
4 “Fund for Civil Legal Services for Low Income Persons,” which is an appropriated fund for receipt
5 of grants, gifts, fees, or federal or state funds designated for civil legal services for low income
6 persons. Expenditures from the fund shall be limited to grants to nonprofit agencies which provide
7 civil legal services to low income persons. The director is given the duty and powers necessary
8 to make the grants.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Director of the Division of Justice and Community Services to make grants from state and other funds to provide civil legal services to low income persons.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.